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1. During the first week of March 1954 there was much comment in Quepos, Costa Rica, about the recent assembly of the Sindicato de Trabajadores de la Industria del Banano y Similares (STIBS), during which the new directorate was elected. The Communists were busy selecting ten or twelve of the most closely affiliated and intelligent union members to form a training group, called the Comité de Entrenamiento (Training Committee). The committee is to receive instruction at the home of Victor MORA Calderon, a site selected in order to keep the activity as far apart as possible from the union. Later, the committee is to spread the Party word among the banana workers in the area.¹
2. On the evening of 14 March 1954 the first scheduled meeting of the new directorate took place. The list of directorate members which was sent to San Jose for approval had been returned, with the rejection of only one member, Francisco JUAREZ Juarez. JUAREZ was disapproved because of past difficulties with the Party in the Province of Alajuela. However, some names sent to San Jose were in error, and it was learned that one of the outgoing secretaries had substituted his own favorites in some positions, the majority of whom had lost out during the election. It was resolved to accept the rejection of JUAREZ and to name Victor MORA to rectify the errors in the line-up in San Jose. The meeting ended with the reading of routine correspondence.

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1. Comment. An air of ceremony and secrecy has been given this work by the Communists, probably to make the members feel a certain responsibility and importance.

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